

Substitute Bill No. 5280

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AN ACT CONCERNING PENALTIES FOR CONCEALING INFORMATION RELATED TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE AND SELF-INSURANCE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):
- 3 (g) (1) Any employer who, with the intent to injure, defraud or deceive any insurance company insuring the liability of such employer 4 5 under this chapter, [(1)] (A) knowingly misrepresents one or more employees as independent contractors, or [(2)] (B) knowingly provides false, incomplete or misleading information to such company 7 8 concerning the number of employees or the job classification of an 9 employee, for the purpose of paying a lower premium on a policy 10 obtained from such company, shall be guilty of a class D felony. The 11 insurance company of any employer known to the insurance company 12 to be in violation of this subdivision shall report such known violation
- to the chairman of the Workers' Compensation Commission and the
 Chief State's Attorney.
- (2) Any employer who, with the intent to reduce the amount of
 security required to obtain or maintain a certificate of self-insurance
 under this chapter, (A) knowingly misrepresents, to the chairman of
 the Workers' Compensation Commission or the Insurance

- 19 Commissioner, one or more employees as independent contractors, or
- 20 (B) knowingly provides false, incomplete or misleading information to
- 21 the chairman or the commissioner concerning the number of
- 22 employees or the job classification of an employee, shall be guilty of a
- 23 class D felony.
- 24 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 31-290d of the general statutes is
- 25 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 26 October 1, 2006):
- 27 (b) The workers' compensation fraud unit shall submit a quarterly 28 report detailing its activities to the chairman and the Advisory Board 29 of the Workers' Compensation Commission and to the Insurance 30 Commissioner. On or before December 1, 2006, and annually 31 thereafter, the workers' compensation fraud unit shall submit a report 32 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having 33 cognizance of matters relating to insurance and labor concerning 34 employer and employee workers' compensation fraud. Such report 35 shall include, but not be limited to, the number of investigations, arrests, referrals, and prosecutions relating to such fraud, and 36 37 recommendations for improving compliance with the provisions of 38 this chapter pertaining to claims for benefits, receipt or payment of 39 benefits, or the insurance or self-insurance of liability.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:				
repealed	October 1, 2006	New section		
Sec. 2	October 1, 2006	31-290d(b)		

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